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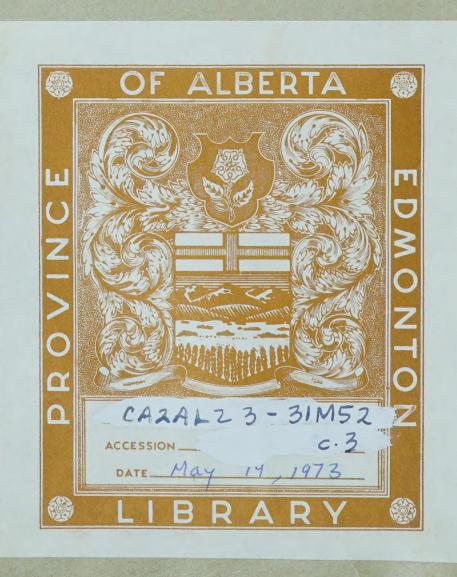
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REPORT ON ENQUIRY INTO FUEL AND LUBRICATING OILS IN ALBERTA

This report is submitted by the committee appointed September 6th, 1929, by Order-in-Council 980/29, to enquire into the question raised by the following resolution of the Legislative Assembly: "Resolved, That the Government should conduct an inquiry into the question of the desirability of establishing by law, standards and grades for all fuel oils and lubricating oils used in internal combustion engines; and that the Government report the result of such inquiry to the next session of this Assembly."

The committee at an early stage of its investigations decided that the advantages sought to be gained by establishing standards and grades included guidance to the purchaser, improvement in quality and uniformity of delivery, and prevention of substitution or adulteration; that is, in brief, the guarantee to the purchaser of a better return for his money. They further decided that satisfactory standards would have to be broad enough, and of such a nature, that the industries of production, distribution, sale and delivery to the ultimate consumer would not be hampered to any serious extent, and the price of the product thereby raised. The committee recognized that the satisfactory establishment of standards presupposed the possibility of determining and standardizing quality by means of definite tests of ready applicability. The investigations of the committee were based primarily on the above interpretation of the question presented for its consideration.

INVESTIGATIONS

The committee sent a questionnaire to the Secretaries of the U.F.A. Locals throughout the Province, asking for information on brands and grades of oil offered for sale in each district, together with the experiences of farmers with these oils in different makes of tractors and under different conditions of use. A large number of replies were received, and the information thus gained was used when planning the later investigations.

In order to study the questions of quality, uniformity, substitution and adulteration of the oil products marketed, two surveys were made. The first of a comprehensive range of brands and grades of motor fuel and lubricating oil samples obtained directly from the manufacturers or wholesalers operating in the Province. The second, a similar survey, but of samples obtained from ultimate consumers in eight separate sections of the Province.

In the first survey 20 motor fuel and 138 lubricating oil samples were collected, and in the second survey 36 motor fuel and 74 lubricating oils. In addition 7 lubricating oils were received from middlemen. A total of approximately 3400 tests, including duplicate tests, was made on these samples. These tests included gravity, flash, sulphur content, acidity, and distillation range for motor fuels, and gravity, pour-point, carbon residue, flash and fire

points, and viscosity for lubricating oils. A full report on the results of the tests on motor fuels is given in Appendix I, and on the results of the tests on lubricating oils in Appendix II. These reports give a mass of technical detail fully intelligible only to the expert, but the general conclusions drawn from them are given in a later section of the main report. An attempt was made to present the results of tests of motor fuels and lubricating oils in a graphical manner which would make more apparent the similarities and differences of the products tested. A few examples of such graphs were given in Appendix III. In the same appendix a further graphical study was made of the change of viscosity of lubricating oils with temperature.

The Fuels Division of the Department of Mines at Ottawa conducts an annual summer survey of the gasoline sold in the At the request of this committee, it carried out an extensive winter survey in 1930 on the gasolines, kerosenes, and miscellaneous motor fuels sold in Alberta. These motor fuel samples represented the principal brands and grades sold; they were collected from distributors in Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat and Red Deer, and amounted to a total of 122. The results of this survey were fully reported, with comments, by Messrs. P. V. Rosewarne and H. McD. Chantler in Memorandum Series No. 42 of the Mines Branch, Department of Mines, Ottawa. The comments on the quality of product marketed were, on the whole, distinctly favourable. It should be pointed out that the committee collected samples of motor fuels from wholesalers and from consumers, whilst in the Ottawa survey the samples were collected from the local distributors. The three surveys are therefore supplementary.

A few series of tractor-running tests were made in the tractor department of the Institute of Technology at Calgary, under the supervision of Mr. T. A. Hedley, the Head of the Department.

The first series of tests was planned to ascertain the dilution of lubricating oil which occurs in normal operation at different loads, and more particularly during starting. The second series was to determine the minimum percentage of dilution which results in failure of the oil to satisfactorily lubricate. The third series was a prolonged run using diluted oil to ascertain the wear on the moving parts and any resulting loss in power of the engine. The fourth series to ascertain the consumption of lubricating oil in prolonged running of tractor engines in new, fair and poor condition. In all the series, except the third, duplicate tests were made with equivalent grades of two well-known brands of tractor oil.

One series of field tractor tests was made for the committee by the Brothers Barkley of Spring Bank, near Calgary, in an effort to ascertain the consumption of oil, and dilution occurring, under actual operative conditions. These tests were also made in duplicate with the same two oils.

The Fuels Division of the Department of Mines has supervised an extensive series of field tractor tests in the vicinity of Ottawa, but the results of this work have not yet been received.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION COLLECTED AND RESULTS OBTAINED

Questionnaire.

The replies to the questionnaire submitted to the U.F.A. Locals through their central office showed some complaints with regard to occasional occurrences of water in gasoline and kerosene. More general dissatisfaction was indicated with respect to lubricants. A study of the replies, however, showed that certain well-known brands of lubricants gave satisfaction to some users and gave cause for dissatisfaction to others. With some brands the only complaints were with respect to price.

Uniformity, Substitution and Adulteration.

Comparison of the results of tests of the samples supplied by the manufacturers or wholesalers with the results of tests of samples secured from consumers, indicates as follows: (A) with gasoline samples there was a distinct variation, but this was merely due to the customary change from winter to summer specifications, a change essential for satisfactory operation. (B) With kerosenes no seasonal variations are necessary and few significant differences were found. (C) With lubricating oils the comparisons on the whole were strikingly good. This is the more surprising when it is remembered that some of the samples compared were obtained a year and a half apart, and when the possibilities of erroneous naming by the consumer are recognized. A few cases were noted where the sample obtained from the consumer was quite different from, although not necessarily worse than, any of the samples supplied by the manufacturer of the brand named. It is significant that in every case such brands were products of small manufacturers; but in justice to small manufacturers in general it should be stated that comparison of the samples obtained directly and indirectly from other small manufacturers showed commendable uniformity.

Substitution of brands was never encountered, unless the few cases of discrepancies noted above were due to this cause. The same, however, cannot be said with respect to grades. In a number of cases a sample quoted as "extra heavy" for example, by the consumer was found to be obviously the "special heavy" or other grade of the manufacturer. This type of error was associated with the above kind of confusing nomenclature; there was no evidence of deliberate substitution. No adulteration was detected in any of the 275 samples tested.

Quality of Motor Fuels.

Gasoline quality in general was distinctly good, and the volatility was greater than the requirements of the United States Government. The sulphur content in general was quite satisfactory, although in a few samples a trivial excess was noted. The sample received from one manufacturer contained an unusually high percentage of extremely volatile constituents, due apparently to insufficient care with the blending of casing head gasoline; four samples, received directly or indirectly from the same manufacturer, contained free acid, an unnecessary and undesirable feature.

Kerosene qualities in general were good also, although it must be reported that one sample received from a manufacturer, had a flash point below normal room temperature. Another sample of motor fuel also had a low flash point, but this sample was marketed as a distillate and should not be classed with the kerosenes, although resembling them in most features. This low flash point increases its value as a motor fuel but warning should be given against the use of such material in kerosene lamps. A third sample, in this case from an unidentified source, also had a low flash point. No gasoline or kerosene samples contained any water.

In short, the committee found little reason to recommend change leading to control of quality of supply of motor fuels sold in the Province, and inclines to the belief that legal restrictions would be costly to enforce and more likely to lead to increased cost to the consumer than to improvement of quality.

Quality of Lubricating Oils.

The standard tests were carried out on all samples. No facts were noted which would indicate that any sample was an unsatisfactory lubricant, but it must be recognized that present day opinion does not regard such tests as determining the lubricating quality of oils.

These standard tests are carried out to facilitate the identification of an oil, and as a check on the uniformity of successive consignments; the viscosity determinations, moreover, indicate the suitability of the oil for a particular use. Viscosity is a good measure of the consistency or body of an oil, but it must be remembered that it does not measure the effective lubricating value or lasting quality of the oil.

The work shows that a bewildering choice of liquid lubricants, of almost every possible viscosity, is available in the Province.

The mineral oils commonly employed as lubricants are of three different types, known respectively as paraffin base, naphthene base and mixed base oils, and these types are distinguishable by small differences of test results. The paraffin base oils were found to show smaller changes in viscosity with increase of temperature than do the naphthene base oils. It is recognized that, other things being equal, the smaller the change of viscosity with a given change of temperature, the better the oil; but, unfortunately, it is not yet possible to state definitely as between two oils that other things are equal. In other words, other and possibly unrecognized qualities may, in practice, have an important bearing on the lubricating value of an oil. In one well known quality, for example, that of pour-point, the naphthene base oils are superior to the paraffin base oils of similar grades.

The grading of lubricating oils was found to be extremely unsatisfactory. If there were only a few brands of oils and only a few grades of each brand, it would be comparatively simple to exhaustively test each oil and to tabulate the results. As a matter of fact 34 brands of oil were collected and the separate grades of a

single brand rose as high as 11. Approximately 150 varieties were tested. The consumer is thus faced with a bewildering task in making a selection.

The situation is rendered far worse by extreme confusion in the naming of the grades. One small group of oils of almost identical viscosity were named respectively as zero, winter light, light winter, winter, motor light, light and No. 111. Another similar group of higher viscosity were named light, cold test, medium and No. 112. A third group of still higher viscosity were named medium heavy, heavy and extra heavy. In some brands the letters A, B, C, etc., denote oils of successively increasing viscosity, in other brands the reverse is the case.

Some manufacturers label their oils solely, or in addition to their regular grade name, by the viscosity numbers recommended by the Society of Automotive Engineers to describe certain specified ranges of viscosity. These viscosities numbers are S.A.E. 10, S.A.E. 20, etc. up to S.A.E. 60, arranged in order of increasing viscosity. This authority therefore recognizes that, as far as viscosity is concerned, all ordinary needs of motor lubrication could be met by the supply of not more than six grades of oil.

The committee entirely failed to find tests of quality on which legally enforcable standards could be based.

Tractor Tests.

The tractor tests showed that dilution of the lubricating oil is not serious during periods of steady running. More serious dilution may occur temporarily through excessive use of the choke in repeated attempts to start the engine. The unburned gasoline condensing on the walls of the cylinders may wash down the usual film of lubricating oil with consequent lack of lubrication at the start of operation.

No failure of lubrication was noted even when the regular oil supplied was pre-diluted with four times its volume of kerosene. The consumption of oil, and therefore the cost of lubrication, however, was notably increased with such dilution. The power obtainable with the engine was not perceptibly reduced even after 60 hours of steady operation, under load, when supplied with such pre-diluted oil.

Tests on the consumption of oil with engines in poor, fair, and new condition, showed consumption for 8 hours of operation, of about $3\frac{1}{2}$, $2\frac{1}{2}$ and $1\frac{1}{2}$ quarts respectively. The new engine rapidly decreased in oil consumption as it was run in, and after 120 hours operation the consumption during an 8 hour run was almost negligible.

No significant difference was found either in these series of tests or in the field tests between the two brands of oils employed. The field tests also confirmed the earlier tests in showing negligible dilution during steady operation, and increased oil consumption with increased wear of the engine.

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CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee as a result of its tests and investigations, its study of available information with respect to tests and researches by other bodies, and its review of standards, and specifications, and legislation in other countries, have come to the unanimous conclusion that it is not desirable to establish by law standards and grades for fuel oils, and that it is not practicable, and therefore not desirable, to establish by law standards and grades for lubricating oils to be used in internal combustion engines.

Whilst the committee has felt compelled to answer in the negative the specific enquiry it was appointed to consider, the committee do feel that the conditions with respect to the supply and use of motor fuel and lubricating oils in the Province might be improved. It respectfully submits for consideration the following suggestions:

1. That legislation, at the present time, should not go further than an anti-substitution law to restrict the supply by the vendor of a brand or grade of fuel or lubricating oil other than that which the purchaser has reason to believe that he is receiving.

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- 2. That for the control and enforcement of such an anti-substitution law the different oil manufacturers or wholesalers operating in the Province should be required to deposit with the Government specifications and tolerances for any brands and grades of oils they are marketing. Such regulations with regard to specifications should be framed not to restrict the natural improvement to be expected in the products sold; but with the proviso that modified specifications must be supplied when any noteworthy change is made.
- 3. That ample laboratory facilities shall be available in the Province for the testing of fuel and lubricating oils.
- 4. That, in view of the present confusion with respect to the different names given for the same grade of oil by the several manufacturers, all manufacturers of lubricating oils should be encouraged to mark on containers the S.A.E. number for the viscosity of the oil, and that consumers should familiarize themselves with the S.A.E. numbers of the lubricating oils suited to their needs and should insist on knowing the S.A.E. number of their purchases.
- 5. That steps should be taken to bring to the attention of operators and owners of tractors, trucks and automobiles, the salient features of the choice, and correct use, of fuel and lubricating oils. Such dissemination of information could be arranged through the tractor schools, and by pamphlets and by other recognized methods. The committee suggests that use might be made of the memorandum of the Mines Branch at Ottawa, prepared by Mr. P. V. Rosewarne on the subject of lubricant and lubrication. The committee has attached as Appendix VI to this report a collection of the more important facts with regard to fuel oils and lubrication which have been impressed upon it during the course of its investigations.
- 6. That continued research on oils and lubrication should be encouraged in Alberta and the other Provinces, as well as in Ottawa. The committee feels strongly that such research in Alberta is valuable for the discoveries made, but is even more valuable for the advantage of having in the Province at least one trained man who is necessarily interested in, and familiar with, the latest developments of the science and art of lubrication, and who is available to advise farmers and others on their lubrication problems.
- 7. That in order to maintain efficiency and conserve effort in such research, the National Research Council should be asked to coordinate and extend such work throughout the Dominion.
- 8. That the Research Council of Alberta should be instructed to take charge of any further Provincial research along these lines, and to cooperate with any national scheme as proposed in section 7.
 - 9. That this report be received and the committee discharged.

APPENDIX I.

Results of Motor Fuel Survey in Alberta

This survey covered tests of two types of samples. The first included 20 motor fuel samples, numbered 201-220, obtained directly from the manufacturer or wholesaler. The second included 36 motor fuel samples, numbered 301-336, obtained from consumers in eight separate sections of the province.

The following report gives the results on these samples, grouped under the manufacturer or refiner. The report shows the brand, the grade and the following distillation results:—the temperature at the initial boiling point, the temperatures recorded when 5%, 10%, 20%, 50%, 90% and 95% of the liquid has distilled over and been collected in the receiving vessel, and the temperature at the final boiling point—all in Fahrenheit degrees—as well as the total percentage of the liquid recovered in the receiving vessel. The report also gives the density of the liquid at 60°F, in degrees A.P.I. (American Petroleum Institute) for those who are familiar with that system and in pounds per Imperial gallon for others, the percentage of sulphur, and the flash point in degrees Fahrenheit. No flash point is given for gasoline samples, as these all flash, that is, the vapours fire or explode when a flame is brought near, at temperatures even below ordinary room temperatures. The residue left after distillation was tested for acidity, and the presence or absence of acidity noted.

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APPENDIX II.

Results of Lubricating Oil Survey in Alberta.

This survey covered tests of three types of samples. The first included 138 samples, numbered 1-138, obtained directly from the manufacturer or wholesaler. The second included 7 samples, numbered 401-407, obtained from retailers. The third included 74 samples, numbered 801-874, obtained from consumers in different districts. These three types of samples are elsewhere referred to as A, B and C respectively.

The following report gives the results on these samples, grouped under the manufacturer or refiner. The report shows the brand and the grade, the density at 60°F in degrees A.P.I. (American Petroleum Institute) and in pounds per Imperial gallon, the flash point and fire point in degrees Fahrenheit, the pour point or temperature at which the oil becomes sufficiently liquid to pour under the conditions of the test, and the carbon residue percentage or amount of carbon residue left when the oil is evaporated off under certain specified conditions. The report also shows the viscosity of the oils, expressed as the time in seconds a definite amount of the sample takes to flow from a Saybolt Universal Viscosimeter at one or more of the three temperatures 100°F, 130°F and 210°F.

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APPENDIX VI.

Hints on the Economical Use of Motor Fuels and Lubricating Oils.

Compiled by Oil Enquiry Committee of the Provincial Government of Alberta.

These notes refer more particularly to tractor and other heavy engines.

- 1. In order to give effective lubrication the oil must reach the bearing surfaces in quantity sufficient to maintain a film of oil between these surfaces.
- 2. Difficulty in starting an engine, with consequent excessive cranking and choking, results in the washing of the walls of the cylinders free from lubricating oil and damage may thus be caused. The operator is advised to learn how to start his engine quickly.
- 3. In cold weather the use of hot water in the cooling system makes for ease in starting.
- 4. It is probable that much damage is done to the engine through the use of too heavy an oil. On cold mornings such an oil is practically solid and the engine may be run for some considerable time before the oil becomes thin enough to circulate and thus reach the bearing surfaces.

Under such conditions a lighter oil is much preferable.

- 5. Dilution of crank case oil by unburned residues from the fuel does not appear to be as injurious as is commonly supposed. To insure oil reaching the bearings some operators mix even the lightest of lubricating oil with a percentage of kerosene.
- 6. A recommended practice is to add one pint of lubricating oil to every five gallons of the gasoline to insure some lubrication in the cylinders, if for any reason the oil circulation should fail at any time. Particularly is this advisable when a new tractor is being "run in."

Thick oils should be thinned with some gasoline before mixing with the bulk. This prevents the oil from sinking to the bottom of the gasoline tank and choking the feed pipe. Once the oil is thoroughly mixed with the gasoline it will never separate.

7. Many authorities believe that oil never, or only very slowly, wears out, and that if filtered to remove dust and grit it may be used over again with satisfactory results.

For this purpose a suitable filter may be made from an oil drum with the top cut off. Three layers of closely woven flannel should be wired over the open end so as to form a bag into which the used oil may be poured. A cock by means of which the filtered oil may be drawn off should be fitted about two inches above the bottom of the drum, and a cleaning plug to facilitate the occasional removal of water and sediment should be fitted in the bottom.

To use the filter, the oil should be drained from the crankcase as soon as the day's run is completed and while still hot should be poured into the filter and allowed to drain through. In cold weather it would be well to keep the filter in a warm place, otherwise the oil may congeal before it drains through.

The cleaned oil may then be drawn off for use next morning, the loss in volume being made up by addition of new oil.

The flannels must be removed from time to time and washed clean with gasoline. This should be done when the filtering becomes too slow.

- 8. Whether or not this filtering is done, it is advisable during cold weather to drain off the oil each evening and to heat it just before replacing in the tractor in the morning.
- 9. Much of the wear that occurs in the tractor engine is due to dust and grit which enter the mechanism with the air supply. This condition can be improved by adequate filtering of both the air supply and the circulating oil.

The air filter and the oil filter should be frequently cleaned. With heavy use on dusty roads or fields daily cleaning may be advisable.

- 10. Excessive consumption of lubricating oil is caused by improper fitting pistons and rings. It pays to keep the engine in good mechanical condition.
- 11. The use of too thin or too diluted an oil may also cause excessive consumption of oil. Every operator is recommended to ascertain the S.A.E. number of the oil suitable for the engine when new and when somewhat worn, as well as for summer and for winter use. All oil should then be purchased by S.A.E. number.
- 12. Whilst it does not seem possible to state definitely the lubricating value of different oils, an operator having found an oil which gives satisfaction under his particular conditions, and with his particular engine, is well advised to continue the purchase of such a brand or grade. The use of a brand of oil which does not maintain uniform quality is to be avoided.
- 13. Trouble with water in gasoline and kerosene is apparently caused by improper storage by the consumer permitting the introduction of rain water. Empty drums should always be turned upside down before refilling. The plugs on oil drums should always be screwed down tightly. Some drums are constructed so that the rim is higher than the filling hole. A hole can be drilled through the base of the rim to ensure that rainwater drains off.
- 14. Economy in running a tractor or other heavy engine can frequently be attained by using as fuel a mixture of equal volumes of gasoline and kerosene. These substances have approximately the same heat value per pound, but as kerosene is the heavier, a gallon of kerosene has a greater heat value than a gallon of gasoline. Such a mixture should only be used if the carburettor can be adjusted to burn the mixture efficiently. Such a blend gives easier running than kerosene alone, but it is advisable to start the engine on straight gasoline. This can be done by priming the cylinders with gasoline or by having a small fuel tank of gasoline and then switching over to the mixture in the main tank as soon as the engine is started.
- 15. During cold weather it is advisable to fit the engine with a radiator cover and with the aid of a motometer, to keep the temperature of the cooling water between 160 and 180°F. This temperature range is for a mixture of gasoline and kerosene as in 14.



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